



# Squirrel Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back, we hope you have had a wonderful summer. The children have settled well into their new class and are already working hard. Squirrel class is now part of Pathway 4 and is led by Mrs Guest with support from Mrs Lowe and Mrs McDonald. We are looking forward to supporting your child and working with you throughout the upcoming year.

There will be an opportunity for you to come into class to meet us and see how your child has settled in on Friday 29th September, which is also our MacMillan Coffee Morning. It will also be a good opportunity for you to see the changes that have been made to the school environment over the



Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. We are lucky to be working with the Wolves Foundation on a Tuesday with a focus on multi-skills. Then on Thursday the children will be learning hockey skills.

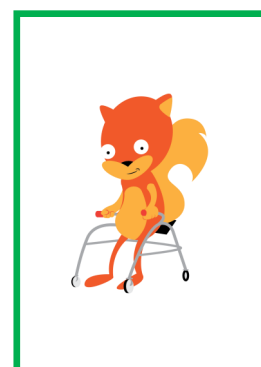
Please make sure your child has their PE kit to keep in school and it is clearly labelled.



This term in Life Skills we will be learning about 'Keeping Safe' and 'Personal Hygiene'. During this topic we will be focusing on what it means to be safe, identifying ways we can be safe at home, in school and out in the wider community. In Personal Hygiene we will learn about the importance of taking care of our bodies and keeping them clean.



Your child will be bringing a reading book home, which needs to be returned to school every day. Please try to encourage your child to read the book to you and record in the reading record. If your child is reluctant to read a schoolbook at home, you may also want to record any books that you share together, or that your child has read, these might include: signs, symbols, logos, or comics and magazines, as well as audio books. We are promoting reading for pleasure in class with our reading corner and will be looking at a range of texts during our topic.





## Our topic this half term is **Marvellous Monsters**

During our topic we will be learning about *Greece*, beginning with what *Greece* is like today, then travelling back in time to learn about *Ancient Greece*. In English, the children will be given the opportunity to learn about the origins of the Olympics and be introduced to some of the 'monsters' in ancient *Greek* myths and legends including 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and 'Medusa'. Our other English texts also have a 'monster' theme, these include 'The Colour Monster', 'Billy and the Beast' and 'Monsters - An Owners Guide'.

During Maths this term, we will be covering: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, 2D shape and Money.

In Science our topic is Animals including Humans. We will be focusing on the different animal groups and identifying features of the different animals to help us classify them.

During RE lessons, the children will be finding out about different festivals and beliefs from a variety of religions.

In PSHE, the children will be covering the Jigsaw topic 'Being Me in My World.' This focuses on positive self worth, setting targets in school and understanding where they belong.

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